

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Cracknell et al.

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Group: 3651

Examiner: Leslie August Nicholson, III

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply timely responds to the September 30, 2009 Notice of Noncompliant Amendment. In accordance with the Notice, nonelected claim 1 is now provided with the status identifier "Withdrawn - Currently Amended," and nonelected claims 2-17 and 26-36 are identified as "Withdrawn."

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: